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MEMORANDUM

May 6, 1970

TO: Mr. James A. Brammell - Director, Office of
          Basic and Geographic Intelligence, CIA

FROM: John R. Stevenson - Chairman, Law of the Sea
          Task Force

SUBJECT: CIA Participation in the Law of the Sea Task
          Force

An important function of the Law of the Sea (LOS) Task
Force is to collect information on ocean affairs for
long-term use by all U.S. Government agencies and for
the more immediate purpose of preparing for a possible
international conference on LOS subjects. This data
bank, as envisaged, will contain a variety of facts
about the oceans. Some facts will necessarily be
classified, but none will be so sensitive as to preclude
effective use by interested government agencies.

Within the organization of the Task Force, responsibility
for developing a workable ocean data bank is delegated
to an Information and Research Working Group. The
Chairman of that Working Group, Charles J. Pitman of
State, is authorized to request as needed the assistance
of other members of the Task Force, which includes the
CIA as an **ad** **hoc** member. He has, in fact, been working
with representatives of Interior and Defense and with

STATINTL   ██████████████████████ of your office on initial planning
of the data bank.

I would like now to request formally the cooperation of
your Office in the formation of the data bank. Specifically,
this cooperation will involve the continued assistance

State Dept. declassification & release instructions on file

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of ███████████ in collecting certain information
available to OBGI. I understand that ███████████
will periodically inform you about the nature of his   STATINTL
work with the Task Force.

The three attached memoranda describe the format of
the data bank and the organization of the Law of the
Sea Task Force.

Attachments: As stated.

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